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Sir:

Please advise as to when we may expect an Office Action on the above-identified patent application. Your prompt attention to this matter is respectfully requested. If there are any questions, please call applicants' representative indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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